

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

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Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 12, 2023



Don't forget to set your clocks
ahead one hour before going to
bed Saturday night!



BISHOP & SUPERINTENDENT TO VISIT

On March 5, 2023, Debra Wallace-Padgett, Bishop of the North Alabama Conference will conduct our 11 AM Traditional service and communion, and Sherill Clontz, Superintendent of the Cheaha District will be a special guest.

Don't forget to stay for our Lunch and Learn: Stay UMC at 12:30 pm in the Christian Life Center. Bishop Wallace-Padgett will be the speaker. The church will provide chicken fingers, so please plan to bring a side dish to share.



Dinner and Learn: Free Methodist

We look forward to "Dinner and Learn": Free Methodist Church on Thursday, March 9th at 6:00PM in the CLC. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up if you need childcare by going online to <https://fumctrussville.com/childcare>

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Leaning Into The Light

8:30 Traditional & 11:00 AM Grace Vision

Dr. Steve Strange

So often we talk about God sending Jesus, the light of the world, to penetrate the darkness, and we think of that in terms of Jesus busting the dark tomb wide open at the resurrection. Now that is the climax of the Lenten season, but what were some specific examples of Christ bringing people out of the darkness while he was walking on earth? In this sermon series, we will look at some examples of how Jesus offered the light to people, and these people leaned into the light. We are now the light of the world and a city on the hill, but the only way we can remain that bright shining light is by leaning into the light of Christ. Join us every week throughout Lent to hear a story of how someone leaned into the light, and that light changed the trajectory of their life.

February 22nd | Ash Wednesday:
Marred Image
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

March 19th | Fourth Sunday in
Lent: Restoring Sight and Light
John 9:1-12

February 26th | First Sunday in
Lent: Tempted, Tested but True
Matthew 4:1-11

March 26th | Fifth Sunday in Lent:
Come Out Into the Light
John 11:17-44

March 5th | Second Sunday in
Lent: Found the Light in the
Middle of the Night
John 3:1-17

April 2nd | Sixth Sunday in Lent,
Liturgy of the Passion: Please
Light My Soul
Matthew 26:36-46

March 12th | Third Sunday in Lent:
Light from the Water
John 4:5-42

Holy Week:
April 6th | Maundy Thursday
John 13:1-17, 31-35

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Listen: Praying in a Noisy World
based on Rueben P. Job's book

11:00 AM Traditional
Rev. David Teel

Over the last few years, it has been a very chaotic, stressful, and noisy time. If you are like me, you crave the moments of relief and silence, times when we don't have to worry or think about all the challenges, divisions, and conflicts we face on a daily basis. Nearly a decade ago, the late Bishop Rueben P. Job recognized similar challenges and wrote the book, 'Listen, Praying in a Noisy World'. His book is meant to be used as a six-week study, which works great during Lent. Reflecting on his writings, I believe his thoughts and ideas are just as relevant today as they were then. So, using his book as a guide, we will be working our way through listening and praying, seeing new leaders added and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and our call to bring about justice and restoration as a community of believers.

March 5th
Bishop Wallace-Padgett
Preaching

February 26th
Matthew 4:1-11
Facing Temptation

March 12th
Mark 9:2-8
Luke 11:1-10
Listen and Pray

March 19th
Acts 1:21-26
Romans 8:24-28
Leadership and Help

March 26th
Isaiah 58:6-12
Acts 2:43-47
Justice and Restoration

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS



Spring 2023 Trussville Methodist Consignment Sale
The Spring Consignment Sale is just around the corner! The week of the sale is **March 12-18th**. Thank you to those who accepted the 100x2 challenge! We still have some volunteer

spots open for Thursday afternoon, Friday (8-7) and Saturday (8-2). Please reach out to let us know when you can volunteer to serve 2 hours. We are looking forward to another successful sale to help support our children and youth ministries and local community in 2023!

Naomi Girls Luncheon

Friday, March 17, 2023 at 10:15 AM (notice time change). We will meet in the back parking lot of the church and carpool to The Farmhouse of Springville. The address is 85 Purple Heart Blvd., Springville, AL 35146. For those interested in joining us, please contact Linda Shaddix.



Annual Easter Ferns Sale

Order yours today! Easter Ferns will be sold for \$20 each to support Missions until April 3rd.

Please leave your fern in the Sanctuary/CLC until after the 11 am service Easter Sunday.

Order forms are in the Transept, Welcome Center, and the church office. Payment must be submitted with the order.



ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

Save the Date:

UMM Catfish Dinner

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at
6:00 PM in the Christian Life
Center

Lovelady Center Easter

Our church will once again provide Easter Baskets for the Lovelady Center. Please contact the church office to sign up to provide baskets. There are 124 children this year. We have a list of ages and gender from infants through 13 years of age. We are asking that the baskets be here by April 3rd so they can be picked up and delivered. They are also still in need of donations of toilet paper.



Community Food Bank

The Mission Team volunteers this month at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama from 9:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, March 16, 2023. We are always accepting new volunteers! If you would like to join the team, please call Charlene Sharp at 205-835-2691 or email at csharp@bellsouth.net to register.



UMM Monthly Meeting

The United Methodist Men will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, March 12, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. Rick and Charlene Sharp will be our speakers. They are our Church Coordinators for the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama. Breakfast will be served by The Pioneer Class. As always, children and wives are welcome at meetings. Please notify Allen Hatcher by phone or text at (205) 773-9591 if you will be attending the meeting.



Palm Sunday, April 2nd

8:30 & 11 AM Traditional in the Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Grace Vision, Christian Life Center

Noon Holy Week Services & Lunch

Monday-Friday, April 3rd - 7th, 12 noon in the Sanctuary
 Lunch immediately following in the Christian Life Center

Donations accepted for T.E.A.M.

Different denominations from the area come together each year and participate in the noon service and provide lunch.

Thursday, April 6th, Maundy Thursday Service

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 7th, Good Friday Service

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Services, Sunday, April 9th

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Gardens (Sanctuary if inclement weather)

8:30 & 11 AM Traditional in the Sanctuary*

11:00 AM Grace Vision Contemporary Service, Christian Life Center*

Services will be streamed via our Facebook and YouTube

*Our Sunrise service will not be streamed.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Calling all Cooks!

Since our Chili Cookoff has been a success for the past several years, our leadership team invites you to enter our Spring Casserole Cookoff. The Cookoff will take place on April 4th. You can enter the cookoff with your best breakfast, dinner, or unique recipe. The sky is the limit on this one. The more unique the better.

Each category is judged from 1-10 on the following criteria:

Presentation

Originality

Creativity

Flavor

Overall Impression

Since this is our first Casserole Cookoff, the categories will be:

Breakfast Casserole

Dinner Casserole

Dessert Casserole

If you would like to enter, please email pastor.shankay@gmail.com and let us know you are interested along with the category or categories you are entering. We ask that participants be at the church and set up by 5:30pm because judging will begin at this time.

Winners will be announced at the end of Worship before the chip call.

We look forward to seeing you there for a great time of food and fellowship!



NAOMI GIRLS - NEW PROJECTS

Solar Box Kits and Repair Water Wells

The Naomi Girls will be making solar boxes from kits to charge cell phones where there isn't electricity. This is their only way of communication. The solar boxes are sent to churches. While the people are waiting to get their phones charged, the pastor brings a sermon to the people. Hopefully, they will discover one day that Jesus has more power than the solar boxes.

Each solar kit will cost \$100. We will begin to assemble the kits when we can pay for 10 kits. Any amount of money is greatly appreciated, every dollar adds up. We will have an instructor to help us assemble the kits.

The repair of water wells is also important. The women are the ones that sometimes walk for miles with a large jug on their head to get water for their family every day. Ladies we are truly blessed! The repair of the water wells is \$1,500 each. We will continue to work with the nonprofit, Designs For Hope, with Chris Bond with our project.

The Naomi Girls would like to invite the Trussville First UMC family to help make these projects possible. Look what the TFUMC family did last year. You help to build 15 houses for widows in Uganda. You made a difference in the life of others. They were living on a dirt road.

If you would like to help with donations, please write your check to TFUMC for Naomi Girls either solar boxes or repair wells.

We need prayers for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Shaddix.

DESIGNS FOR HOPE



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023

As we start 2023, the church received contributions (income) of \$74,000 or \$10,000 (12.0%) below budget. Expenses were \$64,000 or \$20,000 (23.7%) below budget. As a result, the church received \$10,000 more than it spent in January. Two items from January will be paid in February which will be slightly more than the additional cash received in January. The Trustees and Staff expenses were under budget by \$7,500. The table below provides additional details, as well as a comparison to 2022. The church has no indebtedness on its facilities and \$50,000 as a loan balance for the organ.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to Trussville First as we enter the new year. While the congregation is in discussions (discernment) about its relationship with the United Methodist Church, our missions and ministries (and their related expenses) continue uninterrupted.

If there are any questions, please see any member of the committee.

The Finance Committee

FUMC-Trussville January 2023							
	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2022	Change vs. 2022		Jan. 2023	Jan. Budget	Difference vs. Budget
Income	\$ 73,811	\$ 72,503	\$ 1,308		\$ 73,811	\$ 83,867	\$ (10,056)
Expenses	64,027	62,142	1,885		64,027	83,867	(19,840)
Difference	\$ 9,784	\$ 10,361	\$ (577)		\$ 9,784	\$ -	\$ 9,784

MEMORIALS

Honorarium For: Linda Shaddix	By: Bill & Carol Alverson	Fund: Naomi Houses
Memorial For: Randy Sharp	Rick & Sybil Barber	Organ Fund
Jim Alston	Cathy Coe Steve & Debbie Woods Rick & Sybil Barber	General Fund Organ Fund Organ Fund
Billie Alston	Linda Hester Cathy Coe Steve & Debbie Woods Rick & Sybil Barber	General Fund General Fund Organ Fund Organ Fund
Pam Pratt	Candy Strickland Bill & Carol Alverson Carol Hammock Mollie Lyle Harry Lee Marilyn Anthony Rick & Charlene Sharp Jeanette Williams Kevin & Anne Miller Sharon Dunson Rick & Sybil Barber	General Fund Organ Fund General Fund General Fund General Fund Organ Fund General Fund Organ Fund Organ Fund General Fund Organ Fund
Doris Murphree	Frank & June Kitchen Candy Strickland	Organ Fund General Fund
Kitty Moseley	Frank & June Kitchen M. L. & Kiki Smitherman Friendship Class Marilyn Anthony Lee Roy & Doreen Lee Jeanette Williams Sharon Dunson UMW Dorcas Day Circle	Organ Fund Organ Fund Organ Fund Organ Fund Organ Fund Organ Fund General Fund Organ Fund
Herman Jordan	Marilyn Anthony	Organ Fund
Teddy Gilmer	Marilyn Anthony	Organ Fund

REMEMBERING AN OLD RUSTED LUG WRENCH

BY: GAREY MORRISON

Everyone has a tool box to fix and repair things. Most of us learned at an early age the difference between a regular screwdriver and a Phillips head screwdriver invented by Henry Phillips in 1933. Between my dad and father-in-law, they gave me every tool a “DIYer” could possibly need. However, I am not a skilled handy fix ‘er upper. I have a paint bucket full of assorted nuts, bolts, screws, washers and more that Patty’s dad (Papa) gave me just in case I needed them.

Another “gift” from Papa was an old heavy iron lug wrench which I have had for 35 years. It was far from new when it arrived then stored for years under my seldom used workbench. Recently my son needed a tire removed from his car. His car came with a pithy lug wrench which was not up to the challenge. I remembered the lug wrench from Papa and it was perfect for the task. Thank you, John L Morgan!

If you are experiencing a time in your life where you need someone to help you through a tough time, please let us know. We can provide a Stephen Minister to help you. Your Stephen Ministers are always available to provide support. We will walk along with you as long (or as short) as you need. Everything that is discussed with a Stephen Minister is always completely confidential.

Remember, you are part of a family called Trussville First United Methodist. When a life event affects you or someone you love, please let us know. You do not need to face change alone.

Blessings to you from your Stephen Minister Team.

Garey Morrison



Trussville First UMC Stephen Ministers

Stuart Garner	Martha Cusimano	Garey Morrison
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Will Northern	Teri Freeman	Jimmie King



TRUSSVILLE FIRST UMC

The Neighborhood Watch
March 2023

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